(g) Government is amending the Drug and Cosmetics Rules to include provision for written permission from Drugs Controller General (India) for initiation of Clinical trials with new drugs on human.

Implementing statutory warning code in cigarette advertisements

1427. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:
SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA:
SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has asked Government to take steps for implementing the statutory warning code in cigarette advertisements;

(b) if so, whether it has also sought Government's response on the ban on smoking in public places;

(c) whether the Court has said that the provisions of the Act were required to be implemented since they imposed sufficient restrictions to protect the health of citizens; and

(d) if so, the steps Government have taken in implementing orders of the Supreme Court?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Supreme Court has directed to take steps for strict compliance of statutory warning code in cigarette advertisements in accordance with the provisions of Cigarettes (Regulation of Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 1975 and also passed orders prohibiting smoking in public places.

(d) A written communication has been sent from the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare to Chief Secretaries of all the States, Union Territories and Ministry of Finance requesting for taking necessary action for strict adherence of various provisions of the Cigarettes (Regulation of Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 1975. As to the prohibition of smoking in public places, the Government has requested all the State Governments and Union Territories to give wide publicity to the orders of the Supreme Court. The Government has already introduced a comprehensive Bill in the Rajya Sabha on 7.3.2001 which, *inter-alia,* seeks to prohibit smoking in public places.